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- the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 8,
- the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

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5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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